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## TELEGRAMS.

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## NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

### THE CHINESE LOAN.

### SIGNATURE CONFIRMED.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, April 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking states that the contract for a loan of £25,000,000, bearing interest at 5 per cent, and quoted at 90, was signed late on Saturday by representatives of China and a group of Banks representing the five Powers.

Two million sterling will be advanced immediately.

[A Peking message to the "N. China Daily News," dated the 24th inst., stated:—Mr. S. Barton, Chinese Secretary of the British Legation, on behalf of the Quintuple Group, visited the Minister of Finance yesterday evening and assisted in drawing up contracts for the appointments of advisors, who will be engaged for terms of three years. The loan contract is now ready for signature and Lu Cheng-hsiang, Minister for Foreign Affairs, will meet the five Ministers to-morrow and officially communicate the contract to them, after which the Ministers will inform the Bankers that the five Powers approve of the loan. Consequently, the loan contract may be signed on Saturday. The Chinese Government originally proposed the engagement of advisors for three years and that the full control of the Salt Inspectorate should revert to China after that period. The Quintuple Group serve for the full period of the loan. Finally, it was arranged that the engagement of advisors should be renewed every three years until the loan was redeemed, thus enabling China to dispense with their services if she was able to redeem the loan within a shorter time than fifty years, which Chou Hsueh-hsi confidently expects will be done. In this connexion a misunderstanding occurred yesterday, for when the Ministers of the five Powers asked their Governments to authorize them to instruct the bankers to sign the loan, one Government required an assurance that its advisors would be retained for the full period of the loan, thus giving rise to the belief that the country in question desired a voice in China's financial administration for fifty years whether or not the loan was previously redeemed. China at first thought this was an attempt to get in the thin edge of the wedge and to open the way for international financial control. Explanations followed, however, and the point was satisfactorily cleared up.]

### THE BALKAN CRISIS.

### A SENSATIONAL STORY.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, April 28.

According to stories published in the papers, Essad Pasha's step in declaring himself King of the Albanians was made with the connivance of Servia and Montenegro, and the storming and surrender of Skutari was a "put-up job."

The "Daily Mail's" correspondent at Belgrade says that Essad Pasha has concluded an alliance with Montenegro who keeps the Taraboc Ridge and the Bryan Valley, while Skutari becomes Albanian.

Accounts from Vienna say the belief prevails there that Russian intrigues are behind Essad Pasha's move which, anyway, is likely to complicate the situation.

Essad is a typical Gheg Chief of an old wealthy Albanian family and has had a most adventurous career.

### Demand and Protest.

Later.  
The Powers have presented a collective communication to Cettinje declaring that Skutari must be evacuated with the briefest possible delay and handed over to the Commanders of the International Fleet. A prompt reply is requested.

### Montenegro has formally protested against "this cruel and unjust demand".

### Evacuation Begins.

Reuter's correspondent at Vienna states that an official telegram reports that Prince Danilo and troops marched out from Skutari and proceeded northwards; and there are only five battalions of Montenegrin infantry left in the city.

### INTERCHANGE OF OFFICERS.

### LORD BROOKE FOR CANADA.

London, April 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa wires that Lord Brooke will command the Second Mounted Brigade during the coming summer.

This is the first appointment under the Imperial interchange of officers scheme.

### ANOTHER AVIATOR KILLED.

### BRITISH LIEUTENANT'S FATE.

London, April 28.

Lieutenant Rogers Harrison fell from a height of 400 feet while making a flight at Farnborough and was killed.

He had attempted a very steep descent, and the elevator collapsed.

### THE LISBON PLOT.

### HOW IT WAS DISCOVERED.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, April 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon wires that the plot was discovered through members of the Carabineros being present at a meeting of the conspirators.

The city has now resumed its normal aspect.

The men who had been arrested told the magistrates to-day that they had the interests of the Republic at heart.

No fewer than 183 most modern bombs have been seized at the headquarters of the Radical Federation.

### THE PRATAS ISLANDS.

### Syndicate to Exploit Phosphate Deposits.

The Pratas group of islands, about 170 miles from Hongkong, and about 420 miles from Manila, has long been recognised as a fine position for a wireless station in the China Seas and it appears that the Chinese Government has accorded recognition to the requests made for the erection of a wireless installation there, the benefits of which, and especially to Hongkong, cannot be overestimated in connection with warnings of the approach of typhoon weather. The islands are known to be rich in phosphates, having been the home and shelter probably for centuries of myriads of sea birds. The islands are not without interest to Singapore, as it is known that Mr. Tan Boo Liat is the holder of a concession of the islands from the Canton Government. Under the advice of well-known merchants he has been judiciously concentrating his efforts on obtaining valuable information, regarding the phosphate deposits, with considerable advantage to himself and the group of friends associated with him.

The Tong Sab Ton, Limited (Pratas Island Phosphates Exploitation Syndicate, Ltd.), has been formed with a capital of \$120,000 to thoroughly exploit the islands, and a genuine exhibition of faith in the venture has been demonstrated in a marked manner, as the whole of the issued capital was very largely oversubscribed privately in a few hours, and there is no issue to the public of shares.

The islands, from an authentic source, are reputed to contain phosphate deposits of proved high quality sufficient to work for a period of 40 years on a monthly output of 2,000 tons. There are extensive buildings, light railway lines and pier already in situ, the use of which has been obtained from the Canton Government for practically a song. A surveying staff will leave within a week to do all the necessary surveys to the phosphate deposits with a view to ascertaining their cubic contents, this being prudent and essential before the Tong Sab Ton, Limited, turn their attention to the formation of the much more important company at a later stage. Registration is being effected in Canton under the mining laws of China. The board is entirely Chinese and comprises gentlemen well-known and influential. The capital backing behind the syndicate is reported to run to large figures.

Bernard Shaw, Cyclist.

Mr. Bernard Shaw, says the "Motor Cycle," took delivery of his motor-cycle, and although he had never previously sat on a motor-cycle, he mastered it in a few moments, and rode it from Coventry to Welwyn, Herts, in referring to it. Still deeper just over three hours.

### DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT

### STRENGTH MAINTAINED.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, April 28.

A bulletin issued on Sunday evening states that the Duchess of Connaught passed a good night. The Royal patient's strength is maintained, and her general condition is unchanged.

Better. Later.

The Duchess of Connaught is better.

### Further Operation Necessary.

A further bulletin issued states that symptoms of intestinal obstruction have recurred, and a further operation will be necessary.

### Y. M. C. A.

### Growing Success of the Literary Section.

A dissertation on Thackeray's "Book of Snobs" was delivered at the Y.M.C.A. last night by Mr. Geo. W. Sewell.

It is worth noting that the literary section of the Y.M.C.A. was opened some two months ago with a membership of about half a dozen. At recent meetings there have been from 18 to 20 present. This section is intended to appeal to members with literary tastes and is clearly meeting a strong want, to judge from the growing interest in the lectures. There is plenty of room in Hongkong for work of this nature amongst young men and it is to be hoped that the Y.M.C.A. section will meet with great success.

In the course of an interesting lecture, Mr. Sewell last night argued that Thackeray's book lost much of its force through a tenacity of local snobbery which was distinctly clever and was much appreciated by his audience. The quotations from the book, again, were well and aptly chosen, and the whole dissertation was clever beyond the ordinary.

**Man's Higher Consciousness.**

An interesting and suggestive paper on "The Higher Consciousness of Man" was read at the Y.M.C.A. recently by Mr. M. Manuk. Because it presents, in agreeable form, the results of the latest researches into this vast and important subject, a summary of the paper should prove of interest.

It is now recognised that there is a consciousness which is larger than the brain consciousness, which transcends the body, and which western scientists are trying to reduce into some familiar form within the realm of Law. It has been found by means of oft-repeated experiments that strange results came about while people were in a trance state. With the brain hypnotised and paralysed, the mental faculties became sharper, keener, and subtler.

The eye could pierce great distances; the ear could hear a sound taking place far beyond the limit of the waking state of hearing. The deeper the trance, the looser the consciousness.

Mr. Manuk quoted the results of experiments upon an ignorant peasant woman. "In trance she became more intelligent; and what was stranger still, she looked down with contempt at her own consciousness, in the waking state, criticised its workings, spoke disdainfully of its limitations, uttering harsh phrases such as 'that creature,' when

### THE GUARDS.

### REVIEW IN HYDE PARK.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, April 28.

A bulletin issued on Sunday afternoon states that the Duchess of Connaught passed a good night.

Enormous crowds gathered, despite the showery weather, and gave an ovation to His Majesty, as well as to the Duke of Connaught, and the Queen and Princess Mary who from an open carriage watched the proceedings.

It was a splendid spectacle, and was witnessed by members of the Royal Family, diplomats and other distinguished persons.

### PRAYING FOR CHINA.

Reuter's  
[Service to the "Telegraph."]  
London, April 28.

His Majesty the King reviewed all nine battalions of the Guards in Hyde Park to-day.

Devotional service was held at the Chinese Legation in London on Sunday.

While making a flight at Farnborough, Lieut. Rogers Harrison fell 400 feet and was killed.

Montenegro has protested against the cruel and unjust demand requiring her to evacuate Skutari.

The Chinese Minister delivered an address in English, declaring that the gathering impressed him as marking an entirely new era for China.

A later message states that prayers for China were generally said throughout Britain on Sunday.

### BELGIAN STRIKE OVER.

London, April 28.

Reuter's correspondent at Brussels wires that work has been generally resumed throughout the country.

### MR. SUNG'S ASSASSIN.

Woo Fok-ming's Death.

In enlargement of our telegram of the 25th inst., we print the following from the "Shanghai China Press" of the same date.

"Woo Foo-ming, the self-confessed murderer of the late Mr. Mr. Sung Chiao-jen, came to sudden death early yesterday morning. It has not yet been established whether he committed suicide by poisoning or died from natural causes. A post mortem examination was made by Dr. S. M. Cox, with the assistance of four other doctors, in the afternoon. The doctors will not be able to announce their decision until a thorough-going analysis has been made. This probably will take a couple of days.

According to a Chinese report, Woo poisoned himself by swallowing cracker matches, on Wednesday night, and succumbed yesterday morning at half past nine o'clock.

On the other hand it is said that the doctors did not find any indication to justify the theory of poisoning.

It is understood that Woo was examined medically, while imprisoned in the French jail, the finding being that he was suffering from mental abnormality.

His personal appearance and excited mein at the Mixed Court seemed to lend additional colour to the belief that he was more or less mentally deranged. One theory is that death was due to the tense strain he experienced while in Nanyo prison. When Colonel Chen, who was in charge of the prison, learned of his death he at once notified the incident to the local judge, Mr. Chen, and some of the Kuomingtang leaders.

A medical examination was ordered immediately. Woo's death, the Chinese authorities say, will not greatly affect the trial of Lung.

Even if he had lived, they say, it is questionable whether he would have incriminated any one else for he flatly denied that Lung had anything to do with the murder, although he was reported to have told the French authorities a different story.

### DECLINED THE POST.

Mr. W.F. McCombs Refuses Ambassadorship.

Mr. William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has announced that he has declined the Ambassadorship to France, which President Wilson urged him to accept. Mr. McCombs gave the following statement to the press.

"To-day I communicated to the President my final decision as to the very great honour he has done me in tendering me the Ambassadorship to France, with assurances of my profound appreciation.

No public position within his gift could be more attractive to me personally. In view of its very great dignity and importance, I have naturally weighed the matter with much care.

"After reconsidering the tender, the same motives as were in mind before have impelled me to decline. The acceptance of the post would involve greater sacrifice than I should make. I do not feel that I can afford to leave my life work, the practice of the law. I feel compelled to devote myself to my personal affairs, and at the same time I will lend any assistance in my power that will contribute to the success of the Democratic Administration and

the Democratic party."

New York "Evening Post".

Water Scheme at Raub.

Preparations are being made for carrying out the new water scheme for Raub and materials have been ordered from England.

The water will be taken from the Sungai Raub, just above the Raub Gold Mine Concession,

and run into a reservoir near the D.O.'s house.

The old water supply will be done away with.

### TELEGRAMS.

### THE NEWS CONDENSED.

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The Ministers of the Powers have presented a joint Note to Montenegro demanding the evacuation of Skutari.

It is believed in Vienna that Russian intrigues are behind Essad Pasha's move, and that complications will ensue.</p

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CONTEMPORARIES.

## China Mail.

## The Sun-Power Motor.

In the course of his remarks, Mr. Shuman said, that they had selected cast-iron boilers, in order to obtain quicker delivery. In future they would use dished steel-plate boilers, for the manufacture of which it would be necessary to procure beforehand the required sets of dies. The advantage of the sun-power plant was that the heat was delivered f.o.b. inside the boiler, there was less expense, and also less wear and tear. It could compare, on general lines and theoretically, with a coal-heated plant in which the coal was supplied absolutely free. The first cost was a heavy one, being probably twice that of a steam plant of equal capacity, but after the first cost there was no further expenditure and much less labour. In actual practice it might be stated that when coal was supplied to the steam plant at the price of 10s. per ton, the sun-power plant could compete with it; when the coal cost more than 10s. per ton, then the sun-power plant made a profit.

## Daily Press.

## The Chinese Loan.

Doubtless there will be a great show of indignation on the part of the political agitators who are keeping the country in a turmoil because the loan has been concluded without a reference to the new Parliament; but having regard to the number of times Dr. Sun Yat-sen has had to deny the authorship of telegrams sent to Peking in his name, we shall await confirmation before crediting the report in the Chinese newspapers that he has warned the President that the South would secede from the North if the loan contract were not submitted to Parliament for confirmation before being signed. The more the situation in China is studied, the stronger we believe will grow the conviction that the signing of the loan contract at the present time is the best guarantee that could be given for the stability, peace and progress of the country. Peace will be preserved from fear of international complications; and the conditions attached to the loan ensure administrative reforms in a few years that could not in other circumstances be expected in a generation.

## South China Morning Post.

## The Loan Signed.

After the revenue collection of the Salt Administration becomes sufficient to cover the service of the loans, the monthly contributions from the provinces are to be suspended. When the revenues of the Salt Administration have been maintained for three successive years at a sufficient figure, the provincial liabilities are to be finally released. The term of the loan is to be fifty years and repayments commence with the sixteenth year. After the lapse of fifteen years, the Chinese Government may give notice to redeem or convert the outstanding amount. The foregoing is a brief summary of those provisions of the Loan Agreement which are of general interest. In most other respects the lines of previous Loan Agreements are adhered to. There is no question that the signing of the loan lessens the peril of internal disturbance and brings the new Government much nearer to recognition by the Powers than hitherto. While it cannot be held that the acquisition of the Loan removes all the troubles which afflict China at this critical period in her national history, it accomplishes this much, that it releases the Government from its most serious embarrassment, the lack of the funds so much needed to enable it to set its house in order.

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## TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams appeared as an Extra after we went to press yesterday:

**LINER ENCOUNTERS ICEBERGS.**

**WHERE THE TITANIC SUNK.**

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, April 28. The Allan liner Virginian, bound for Halifax, had to go dead slow for 14 hours through an icefield. She sighted eight monster icebergs almost at the spot where the Titanic foundered last year. The bergs were drifting southward across the trans-Atlantic track.

**IMPERIAL TRADE COMMISSION IN AUSTRALIA.**

London, April 28. Reuter's correspondent at Melbourne wires that the Empire Trade Commission has arrived. Mr. Foster, the Canadian Commissioner, declared that he hoped a reciprocal agreement between Canada and Australia would soon be arranged.

**HOME RULE.**  
**NATIONALISTS AND UNIONISTS.**

London, April 28. Mr. John Dillon, speaking at Roslestone, County Dublin, declared that the Nationalists were ready to meet the Irish Unionists in a conference in the most friendly spirit, if they were willing to accept the principle of Home Rule, and consider what was feasible.

**POPULATING THE COLONIES.**

**WHAT IS NEEDED.**

London, April 28. Mr. Watt, the Premier of Victoria, speaking at Brighton, said they wanted to see spring up under the Imperial Government an organization which would assist them in populating immense lands like Canada, South Africa and Australasia. Without touching controversial questions they felt that the British Empire should be more self-sustaining and they should trade more together in the essentials of life.

**A "COMMON CONVICT."**

Imprisoned Editor's Claim for £10,000 Damages.

Mr. L. F. Moore, editor and proprietor of the "Livingstone Mail," who was recently imprisoned in the Belgian Congo for an alleged libel in his newspaper upon a resident in the Katanga, is claiming £10,000 damages from the Belgian administration, and has forwarded his claim to the Foreign Secretary.

A statement issued by Mr. E. D. Morel, hon. secretary of the Congo Reform Association, says that Mr. Moore's main contention—that the arrest and prosecution were illegal, inasmuch as the offence was committed in British territory; that the offence itself was not a crime according to British law, and that jurisdiction did not lie with the Belgian Courts—gains in force from the fact that, the British Government not having officially recognised the Belgian annexation of the Congo, the Belgian Courts, strictly speaking, can have no possible jurisdiction over a British subject.

"There can be no doubt," says Mr. Morel, "that the action was inspired by the Belgian Administration itself, which has been fiercely criticised in the 'Livingstone Mail.' Indeed, the Public Prosecutor who conducted the case denounced the general criticisms of the 'Livingstone Mail' upon the Belgian Administration."

Mr. Moore was under arrest for eight days and in prison for twelve days when the fine was paid (by public subscription), during which he was subjected to forced labour like a common convict.

Mr. Morel adds that "the significance of the Moore case is increased by the disclosures as to the treatment of British subjects resident in the Katanga which appear in the White Book issued last month."

## GENERAL NEWS.

Noisy Shareholders. Shareholders in the Panama Rubber and Timber Estates Limited, came to blows at their recent meeting at Salisbury House. Following a decision voluntarily to wind up the company there was a great deal of noise. Shareholders called one another "dirty cads" and "liars," and eventually some of them came to blows, one man being knocked down and another sustaining a severe laceration over the eye.

**Grand Cross for the Prince.**

The King of Wurttemberg has conferred the Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown of Wurttemberg upon the Prince of Wales. The Prince, says an earlier Stuttgart telegram, with the King of Wurttemberg, witnessed a performance of the "Freischütz" at the Court Theatre, and next morning his Royal Highness, accompanied by Professor Fiedler, went for an early walk in the Royal Park, and later the Prince met Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg, who had reported himself to the King on being appointed Army Inspector.

**The Cost of Blue-Books.**

The Publications Committee of the House of Commons met last month and reappointed Sir George Toulmin, M.P., as chairman. An inquiry was held as to the possibility of reducing the cost of certain Blue-books, the issue of which is pending, and it was stated by Sir Rowland Bailey, Controller of the Stationery Office, who gave evidence on the matter, that the work of the committee, chiefly in restricting the publication of unnecessary matter in official documents, had resulted in an actual realized saving of £150,000 a year.

**The Jokers.**

Two serious-minded politicians, Mr. Austen Chamberlain and Mr. John Dillon (writer an M. P. in "London Opinion") have just made verbal slips—one perpetrating an unconscious pun, and the other an unconscious "bulb." Neither of them often allows himself to be betrayed into a joke, and the merriment was for that reason the more pronounced. Austen objected to the Chancellor of the Exchequer "ostentatiously" distinguishing between him and his colleagues on the Front Opposition bench, whilst Mr. Dillon was heard to say, in connection with the Guiltine Resolution, "these bonds and gags, which were invented by the Tory party for the coercion of Ireland, have now come home to roost."

**Sailors and Cats on the China Station.**

About twenty years ago, when I was resident in North China (writes a correspondent of the "Spectator"), the British squadron, then in Far Eastern waters, was steaming out of the port of Chefoo, when a little black cat fell overboard from H.M.S. Wanderer. At once the ship stopped, signalled to her consorts "Cat overboard," and the entire squadron came to a standstill. A boat put off from the Wanderer and rescued puss, who was swimming for dear life after the ship. The officer who told me the story said the sailors would have been furious if the little cat had not been saved for not only was she a great pet, but they firmly believed that disaster would follow if a black cat was allowed to drown.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain's Parliamentary Majority.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain completed 21 years' service as member of Parliament for East Worcester last month, having been first elected on March 30, 1892.

At the by-election which then took place he was returned unopposed, but at the General Election the same year he defeated Mr. Oscar Browning, his old college tutor, by a majority of 2,584.

He has been less troubled than most members with Parliamentary contests and in each instance his majorities have been well into four figures.

His only opponents besides Mr. Browning have been Mr. John Morgan and Mr. Hilton Young.

After his election in 1895 Mr. Austen Chamberlain was appointed a Civil Lord of the Admiralty and after the 1900 election he became Financial Secretary to the Treasury and later Postmaster-General and Chancellor of the Exchequer. He made his maiden speech on the second reading of the Home Rule Bill in 1893.

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## SERVICE MATTERS.

Famous General's Death. The death is announced, at the age of fifty-six, of Major-General Cecil William Park, commanding the East Lancashire Division since 1910, who led the famous charge of the Devons on Wagon Hill during the South African War.

The Army (Annual) Bill. The Army (Annual) Bill, the text of which was issued on April 2, proposes to extend the power, conferred by the Army Act, of requisitioning carriages, horses, and vessels in case of emergency so as to include a power of requisitioning aircraft of all descriptions.

## Territorial Army.

Colonel Seely has given the strength of the Territorial Army on the dates specified as under:—

## N.C.O's Officer, and Men.

Feb. 25, 1910 ... 9,719 266,899

March 1, 1911 ... 9,663 262,567

Feb. 23, 1912 ... 9,380 263,024

March 1, 1913 ... 9,201 252,991

## Australian Squadron.

It is rather late in the day, says the "Malay Mail," to call attention to the neglected condition of the Australian squadron in 1911. Anyone who was in Hongkong at the time when the revolution broke out in China, when two of the small cruisers were detached to strengthen the British Naval squadron in Chinese waters, will remember how they limped up from the south like broken-winged ducks and had to spend months in the dockyard.

And their condition we were then told was typical of the rest.

## Torpedo Boat Collision.

On the night of April 1, while the torpedo-boats belonging to the Nore Defence Flotilla were exercising in the Thames Estuary, a collision occurred in Prince's Channel between t.b.s Nos. 18 and 114, both vessels being damaged, the former having her bow crumpled and the latter receiving an extensive rent on her starboard side. No. 18 was in no danger, her foremost bulkhead keeping the water from the other compartments, but for a time No. 114 was in a perilous condition, owing to the inflow of water, and but for the precautionary measures adopted she would probably have sunk.

## Remarks on the Shanghai Volunteer Inspection.

The annual inspection of the Volunteer Corps passed off with all its usual smoothness, says the "North China Daily News." In the opinion of many qualified to judge it was the best march past that has been seen; and such small contumescences as occurred were of the kind that may be deemed inevitable. Lieut.-Colonel Barnes is greatly to be congratulated on the showing, and it may be added that Major-General Anderson commented in private on the marked improvement in one or

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## MARRIAGES.

BARKER-MACHAFFIE.—On April 19, 1913, at Hankow, China, at the British Consulate-General before Sir William Wilkinson Knight, and afterwards at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Roots, assisted by the Rev. S. Harrington Littell, Marjorie Seymour, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David MacLaffie to Mr Sydney Barker, of Manchester and Swatow.

LLOYD-GANDE.—On April 24, 1913, at H. B. M. Consulate General, Shanghai, before Sir Everard D. H. Fraser, K.C.M.G., and afterwards at the Union Church by the Rev. C. E. Darwent Frank, second son of the late John Lloyd, East Molesley, Surrey, to Edith Gande, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Gande of Shanghai.

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## THE LOAN AGREEMENT.

At last, and after many vexatious and perhaps unnecessary delays, the Loan Agreement has been signed. Whether the last of these delays has been reached is quite another matter. From the outset the question has presented so many points of difference, so many difficulties which required delicate handling, that, even with the main problem solved, there may still be details to arrange which shall present some difficulty. It is as well in a matter of this kind, involving issues so tremendous, not to assume too early that every obstacle has been surmounted. Be that as it may, however, it is a matter for keen satisfaction that the loan has been signed and sealed, apparently on terms fair to each party to the bargain.

Some days ago a message from Peking stated that the Minister of Finance was asking the Quintuple Group to issue a five per cent. loan at ninety-one, which is three and a half points higher than the five per cent. equivalent of the five and a half per cent. loan at ninety-six, as agreed to by the Sextuple Group. It was thought probable then, however, that the price would ultimately be arranged at about 88 or 89, the latter being the same as in the case of the Crisp Loan. Reuter was very near the mark when, in yesterday's telegram, he gave the probable price as "nominally 80." A telegram to-day states that it is 80. A week ago, too, it was stated that the Quintuple Group desired some undertaking that the provinces should pay over the whole salt revenues to the Salt Inspectorate and that all expenditures in connection with the loan should be published. It may be taken that the required undertaking has been given. Since the loan is to be secured upon the revenues of the Salt Gabelle, we should suppose that not only "some undertaking," but a very definite and solid pledge, has been given.

With the signing of the agreement the new government is given its chance. Up till now it has been hampered and harassed by lack of funds, and criticism of its conduct has been tempered by recognition of that fact. Its opportunity has come now, and it remains to be seen whether that opportunity will be seized with both hands and made the most of. Our Shanghai correspondent yesterday stated that the Kuomintang Party tried to stop the signature and demanded the consent of Parliament. President Yuan wisely refused to listen and urged that there was urgent need of money, while the bankers said that they were dealing with the Government and not with political parties. The concluding stages of the negotiations appear to have been invested with a sounder temper, on both sides, than was sometimes apparent earlier. It remains now with President Yuan, his cabinet, and parliament to decide whether the loan shall lead to a new and more prosperous China or not. The signing of the loan by no means ends China's difficulties, as appears to be assumed in some quarters. It is an easy—probably it is easier—to raise money as to spend it wisely after, and careful students of events are waiting to see the soothing of internal difficulties before they accept China's difficulties as over.

## CHINA AND PRAYER.

Preaching at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday evening Archdeacon Barnett said that people had asked what was the meaning of the request on the part of the Chinese Government that the Christian Churches should hold a special day of prayer. "It might be," he said, "that all the motives of the request were not of the purest yet. . . . if all Christendom sincerely prayed, it could not but be that God would shake China and uplift her to take her place in the brotherhood of the nations." The last is a comforting thought with which most people will agree; yet we should expect more useful results from the signing of the Quintuple Loan, the observance of Treaties, and the settlement of differences in high places in China than from all the prayers in the world. There is nothing irreverent in that attitude. Plague is kept in hand not by prayer, but by active sanitary measures; and an epidemic of disease caused by bad drains will not be removed by prayer only, but by cleansing the drains thoroughly and keeping them clean.

The point is that a man or a nation must labour as well as pray, and, if the labour be good, it will be blessed. But prayer of itself, without solid and painstaking effort to accompany it, is not nearly so likely to be answered; and only a lazy man would expect that it should. There is a deal of solid sense and not a little of Christianity in the saying that "Heaven helps those who help themselves" and Cromwell knew well what he was talking about when he urged his soldiers to "Trust in God, but keep your powder dry." It seems to us that China has to do a deal of work on her own behalf before she can expect matters within her borders to be mended. In any case, we could wish that the fact of the appeal having been made in all sincerity and being without political significance, had not been quite so strongly urged of late. It is not always well to excuse yourself before you are accused, and that is what has been done in this case.

That in itself suggests that the promoters of the day of prayer were themselves doubtful whether outsiders would not look to see some motive behind. And the more they insist that there was none, the more will some people be persuaded into thinking that some political motive was behind. Meantime our readers will notice that President Yuan has telegraphed his thanks to the British Missionary Society and has said that he prays for the prosperity of the Christian religion. But another telegram indicates that there is some reason for believing that President Yuan was implicated in the murder of ex-Minister Sung at Shanghai fully a month ago. It would be idle, of course, and unfair to accept such a statement without the clearest possible proof, but the bare fact that the suggestion is made shows clearly that there is some strange plotting going on and that the new Government has a deal of clearing work to do before it can hope for much response to the most fervent prayers ever made.

## Theory and Practice.

We heard the other day, with great interest, that hygiene was being taught, on a tolerably big scale, in a local school that is greatly patronised by the Chinese. Not only is instruction being given on questions of light and ventilation and the clothing of the body, not only are the pupils taught all sorts of valuable matter connected with a nitrogenous and a non-nitrogenous diet, and the rival merits or demerits of both, but the enterprising heads of the establishment have arranged for a series of object lessons on mosquitoes and their larvae. On learning this we at once felt that the least the "Telegraph" could do would be to give a word of praise to this go-ahead institution; and we had almost sketched out a laudatory paragraph in our own mind, when our informant (a master in the school) added, "But, meanwhile, the boys' lavatories are kept in such a filthy condition that you daren't go within a hundred yards of them." Verily, verily, modern education is a great thing.

Blake Pier.

Now that the hot season is coming round again, we would like once more to say a word on two of the subjects of Blake Pier, and its condition by day and by night. So far as we can remember off hand, it is the only spot in Hongkong, save the cricket ground, (which is not, strictly speaking, public) where seats are provided; for we can scarcely reckon the Botanical Gardens as being really inside the city. Never at any time in the twenty-four hours, at this period of the year, are the pier seats at the disposal of Europeans. We often wonder what strangers who are passing one night in the town must think, when they stroll down to this pier, after dinner, and find that all the available seating accommodation has been taken by the Chinese, and that they cannot walk up or down it without (the rules on the notice-board notwithstanding) the risk of being spat on. Poor European; his lot in this Colony is indeed a hard one, and we can see no immediate prospect of its being made any easier.

A Strange Development.

It is surely passing strange that, as reported in a telegram of yesterday, suggestions of compromise on the Home Rule question should emanate from the Nationalists. Mr. John Dillon, we are told, has declared that the Nationalists are ready to meet the Irish Unionists in conference in the most friendly spirit, if they are willing to accept the principle of Home Rule, and consider what compromise is feasible. It is a

remarkable attitude for the party which appears so near a realisation of its dreams. One cannot help wondering what is behind the hint which Mr. Dillon has thrown out. In any case, we do not anticipate much of a response, for the proviso has to be noted. There may be Unionists who are willing to accept the principle of Home Rule, but we have never encountered any; their very designation, in fact, is against the thing. Unionism stands for the maintenance of the union of the British Isles, and to expect a Unionist to agree to the principle of Home Rule is about as reasonable as to require a Unitarian to believe in the doctrine of the Trinity.

"The Interests of the Republic."

No one who has devoted thought or reading to the part played in the history of the world's politics by insane and unreasoning violence, will be astonished at the contention calmly set forth by the conspirators arrested in Portugal yesterday. "We had the interests of the Republic at heart," they said; and if any proof of that lordly statement should be called for, they were doubtless prepared to point to the collection of the most modern bombs (183 of them) on show at the headquarters of the Radical Federation. We can understand that, in the childhood of the world, murder—whether of an individual or of numbers—would readily suggest itself to persons of a fanatical turn of mind, as being not only justifiable but meritorious. Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, thought this when she drove a tempestuous nail into Sisera; so did Brutus; so did half the assassins or conspirators of history. But this is the age of reason; of mind; of intellect; or at least as far as the anarchists tell us; and—if they don't know, who does?

Crocodiles in Sarawak.

During the half year ended December 31st 1912, 38 crocodiles were brought in to the Kuching Police Station and were destroyed. Their total measurement was 122 feet 2 inches and rewards were paid to the amount of \$43.98.

Drunks and National Insurance.

"Although the man had been a drunkard for years, yet he was admitted to the National Insurance Act," remarked the coroner, Mr. H. R. Oswald, in the course of an inquest at Shore-ditch. "It seems to me that that should not be allowed. I am quite certain that an ordinary life assurance company would not admit people who were drunkards."

## DAY BY DAY.

"The right thing" is simply the Lowest Common Multiple of the community's consciousness, the bulwark and safeguard of the State.

## The Mails.

German Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Luetzow at 10 a.m. to-day.

American Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Shinyo Maru at noon to-day.

Siberian Mail.—Despatched per s.s. Shiyo Maru at noon to-day.

German Mail.—Due per s.s. Prinz Ludwig to-morrow.

Siberian Mail.—Close per s.s. Prinz Ludwig at 5 p.m. to-morrow.

Australian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Prinz Sigismund this morning.

## Discharged.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Hazelton at the Police Court, this morning, with being in unlawful possession of brass bangles, was discharged.

## Hongkong Societies.

A Government Gazette Extraordinary issued yesterday gives a list of exempted and registered societies under Section 5 of the Societies Ordinance, 1911.

## Change of Run.

The s.s. Chinshu is making her first run to Manila to-day, replacing the Kaifong, which has been placed on the Haiphong run and which also left to-day.

## Golf Club Meeting.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is to be held on the 7th May to confirm the resolutions passed at the meeting of the 16th inst.

## Suicide.

The police report that a woman committed suicide in a boarding house in Connaught Road, yesterday, by drinking a quantity of liquid, of which opium was the principal ingredient.

## Indian Gunner's Theft.

An Indian gunner, of the H. K. S. B., R. G. A. was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing a brass lock from a Chinese shop. He was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.

## Defective Weights.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne Tai Hing, of 67, Queen's Road West, was charged by Inspector Withers, with using a defective scale and defective weights. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

## YACHTING.

Rolla wins Royal Hongkong Handicap Class Championship.

On Saturday the twelfth race of the season in the handicap class of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, was sailed off. The following boats started:—Dione and La Linda, 1st, Rolla 15 secs. per mile; Kathleen, Dorothea and Colleen, 40 secs. per mile.

The course was:—Lyemun Beacon, starboard; Kowloon Rock, starboard; Lyemun Beacon starboard, and the race resulted as follows:—

Finishing Times	Corrected Times
La Linda 4 33.25	4 33.25
Dione ... 4 36.10	4 36.10
Rolla ... 4 36.10	4 33.55
Kathleen 4 37.20	4 31.12
Dorothea 4 48.54	4 42.46
Colleen D.N.F.	

The points to date are:—

Points	Total Points
La Linda ... 5	23
Dione ... 3	45
Rolla ... 4	50
Kathleen ... 7	40
Dorothea ... 2	38
Colleen ... 14	

This being the last race in this class, twelve being held during the season, the championship of the class is won by the Rolla, with a total of 50 points. The Rolla is owned by the Mr. F. Smythe. The one Design class, raced over the course, Lyemun Beacon, starboard; Cust Rocks Buoy starboard, and Channel Rocks starboard. The following boats entered:—Bonito, Haleyon, and Daphne.

## Finishing Times:

	b. m. e.
Haleyon ... 4 35.50	
Bonito ... 4 36.00	
Daphne ... 4 38.53	

## DR. SUN YAT-SEN'S LATEST.

## The Present Position in China.

We stated last night, in a special telegram, that Dr. Sun has officially represented to the Chinese Government that the South will secede from the North if the new parliament is not consulted as to the loan question. In connection with this wire, a gentleman who has known Dr. Sun Yat-sen very intimately for many years said to "Telegraph" representative yesterday:—

"Things in China, at the present moment, are about as bad as they can well be. The position is practically this. President Yuan says to the country, in so many words, 'Unless you invest me with certain powers, I refuse to serve as President.' Now one of those powers which, apparently, he demands is the right to appoint his own Ministers. Against this, Dr. Sun Yat-sen argues that such a plan is but one degree removed from monachism. Having chosen Republicanism, the country's next step, he says, must be to decide whether it will follow America's example, and leave the choice of the Cabinet to the President, or whether it will imitate the French Republic and leave it to the people to elect the Ministry even as it elected the President.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his supporters are decidedly in favour of the latter course; and, by his supporters, I mean the heads of the various provinces.

"But having copied France thus far, the provinces would proceed to take a leaf out of the book of the United States. There each State has independence on many points, and Dr. Sun maintains that the provinces should claim similar rights; that, in all purely local matters, each should be self-ruling.

"It is on this rock," continued the speaker, "that the split will come. It may not come immediately, but so far as one can see, it will do so in the end. From the point of view of the foreign Powers, one definitely central government is better in many ways; but not, I think, from China's. The South cannot trust the North, and perhaps the North feels the same about the South. In many respects they are two entirely different peoples. Nay, if you come to that, every province differs from its neighbour in ideas, customs and characteristics; each is almost like a separate nation; and sometimes I think that the future will see every province a distinct country, each with its own Government.

"As for Sun Yat-sen, he is a dreamer—and his dream has been, to some extent, realised; but through the exertions of others. His special ability lies in preaching—and he preached!"

## HONGKONG SCAVENGING.

## Matters for the Authorities to Note.

We have commented time and again on the fact that Sanitary Board carts are seen collecting refuse at late hours in the day. Matters do not seem to mend, however. At half past two, this afternoon, Sanitary carts, Nos. 2 and 5 were seen collecting house refuse in the Eastern district. This is a matter which demands prompt and effective attention.

Only the other day a correspondent in our columns drew attention to the fact that refuse was deposited in a heap at the side of Wong Nai Chung Road. It would appear that little or nothing has been done to put matters right in this quarter. Sanitary Board cartees, carrying baskets, No. 3 were seen to deposit refuse in the road in question yesterday. Will the authorities please to note?

STOLEN COAT.

Before Mr. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning, Inspector Cameron charged a Chinese with stealing a blue serge coat, part of the uniform of Frank Sae, deck engineer of the s.s. Siberia, from the vessel whilst in dock at Tai Po.

## UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

## Additional Equipment Received.

We have received from the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at the University a second list of experimental apparatus and machines presented to that centre of learning. We are glad to notice that upwards of 90 firms have promised assistance and there is no doubt but that there will be gathered together in Hongkong University an equipment equal to that of any of the other British Universities.

It is worthy of note that the Asiatic Petroleum Company have offered to supply a quantity of crude and refined oil which will be equal to all the requirements of the University Laboratories. A number of publishers are also sending technical books. We understand that Professor C. A. Middleton Smith is proceeding to London, in a few days, in order to complete the equipment and he is desirous of getting into touch with people in England likely to be interested in the University.

Messrs. Matheson & Co., Ltd., of 3, Lombard Street, E.C., have arranged with the leading Shipping Companies to carry freight free all apparatus presented to the University.

Among the most important apparatus recently received we notice the following:

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Marconi Wireless Installation. (Marconi, London.)

A Portable testing set, 3 Ammeters, 3 Voltmeters and a portable Watrometer (Everett Edgecumbe & Co., Ltd., Hendon.)

A 30 B.H.P. Gas Engine with Producer and a two Cycle Marine Oil Engine. (The Campbell Gas Engine Co., Ltd., Halifax.) A 20 K.W. Dynamo and switchboard for above (General Electric Co., London.)

A Paraffin Engine. (E. R. and F. Turner Ltd., Ipswich.)

A Centrifugal Testing Machine Complete Thurston's Oil Tester, reducing valves and patent gauge. (W. H. Bailey & Co., Manchester.)

A complete set of "The Engineer" from Vol. 1 (Proprietors Engineers, London.)

A Patent Oven and Still. (Brown & Son, London.)

A Complete set of Arc Lamps. (Gilbert Arc Lamp Co.)

15 H.P. Centrifugal Pump and Vacuum Pump. (Pulsometer Co., Reading.)

A Complete Spectrographic outfit. This outfit is most valuable, not only for physical investigations but also for chemical and metallurgical research by spectroscopic methods. (Adrian Hilger & Co., London.)

An Oil Engine and centrifugal pump. (Ruston Proctor, Lincoln.)

Feed Pumps and Oil Pumps. C. & J. Weir, Ltd., Cathcart.)

A "Bridge Measurer" Testing set, a "Ductor" Potential ohmmeter Equipment, a Cell Testing Voltmeter and a combined Portable Ammeter and Voltmeter. (Messrs. Evershed & Vignoles, Ltd., Chiswick, London.)

Limit Gauges. (Newall Engineering Co., London.)

One "Venturi" meter, and Patent "Standard" waters. (George Kent Ltd., 199 High Holborn, London.)

One Set of Patent Loud-Speaking Telephones. (Alfred Graham & Co., London.)

Proceedings. (Institution of Electrical Engineers, London.)

Machine Tools, Dynamo and Motor, etc. (Vickers' Ltd., London.)

Rock Drill and Steam Winch. (Holmes Bros., Camberne, Cornwall.)

Simmonds' Ahaly Calorimeter, and Raplin Ice Making Machine. (Baird and Tatlock, Ltd., London.)

Report of the Engineering Standards Committee. (British Engineering Standards Committee, London.)

Physical Apparatus. (J. Griffin, London.)

Sankey's Hand bending Testing Machine. (Cassella & Co., Ltd., London.)

The above list represents most valuable equipment, especially each.

in the departments of heat engines. It is, however, hoped that offers of apparatus will be received from firms interested in electrical engineering. A number of electrical machines are required, the average size being about 10 K.W., for use in the Power Station and the Electrical Machinery Laboratory. Two switch boards and fittings are also needed, we are informed. It is hoped to obtain a complete equipment for experiments in all branches of electrical work and an appeal is especially made to manufacturers that this important branch of engineering shall be worthily represented in the equipment presented to the University.

We also note that Mr. E. J. Surman, B.Sc. (1st Class Honours), has been appointed Lecturer in Strength of Materials in the Faculty of Engineering. We are pleased to be able to record this active progress in the applied science work of the University.

**BOXING.**

Pilsbury's Challenge Accepted by Turner.

Pte W. Turner, "G." Company, 2nd D.C.L.I., Mount Austin, writes to the "Hongkong Telegraph":—I accept the challenge of Pte Pilsbury, which appeared in your paper a few days ago. I will fight him for the Championship of the Regiment, in a ten round contest, if he can make the necessary arrangements for this bout.

On April 24 Private Pilsbury, 2nd D.C.L.I., the middle weight champion of the Battalion, announced in our columns that he was willing to fight any man in the colony at his own weight 11st.

**PARTY WALL CASE.**

"An Old Shell of a Building."

This morning in the Original Court, before the Chief Justice, Sir W. Rees Davies, K.C., and a special jury, the action was commenced in which Chan Kam, a trader of 142 Hollywood Road, is suing Chan Wo, Cheung and Chan, Woon Mau, of No. 47 Hanley St. The action is to recover the sum of \$5,000, as damages, for that the defendants, their servants and agents, in or about the month of June or July 1912, negligently and unskillfully carried out certain building operations, to wit the building of a party wall, between the houses No. 10 and 21 Lower Lascar Row, and incidentally there-to shoring the front and rear walls of No. 10 Lower Lascar Row, the property of the plaintiff, as to bring about the fracture and settling of such front and rear walls of the said house, to the plaintiff's loss in the sum claimed.

Mr. M. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Mr. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. O. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, for the defence.

The jury was empanelled as follows:—Messrs. F. Maitland, J. T. Douglas, H. P. White, M. Beattie, Ho Kim Tong, D. Haskell and F. C. Wilford.

Mr. Lemm continued in the witness box this morning, under the cross examination of Mr. M. Slade. He adhered to the statement, which he made yesterday, that there were cracks over the windows in No. 17, in the two upper storeys. On the question of valuation witness said he made the value of the new house to be more than the value of the reinstated house.

Mr. Jenkins, addressing the jury, said the whole point of the case was whether the "bressmer" of the plaintiff's house had dropped during the building of the defendant's house. Plaintiff came to the court and said: "If you do not keep this old shell of a building dead in place where it was before your re-building, you will have to pay us damages." He submitted that all the defendants had to do was to take reasonable and proper care.

Judgment was entered for plaintiff for \$1,000 and costs.

Manila's Ice Plant.

Manila is to have a new seventy-ton ice plant, the machinery of which will consist of two sets of seventy-ton refrigerating capacity.

Mr. Lewis said that several kinds of fraud were mixed up in this case. On about the 13th last, a man named Karl Weigl,

## BANK NOTE IMPRESSIONS.

Four Charges Preferred Against An Austrian.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Auston Hauser, 35, a native of Austria-Hungary, described as a broker, was charged by Inspector Watt with having in his possession, feloniously and knowingly, papers upon which were impressions of bank notes of the Netherlands Trading Society, the Chartered Bank of India, and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. There was also a charge of being in possession of an automatic pistol and sixteen rounds of ammunition, without a permit from the Capt. Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, prosecuted for the police. Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Denton, acted on behalf of the Chartered Bank of India.

Dr. Von Wiser, the Austrian Consul, was present, but left the Court before the hearing.

Mr. Lewis said he understood the Austrian Consul was coming back and he did not mind waiting a moment or two.

His Worship thought they could go no.

Mr. Lewis said the defendant was charged under section 19 of Ordinance 4-1895, particularly under sub-section 3, thereby being guilty of a felony for which he was liable to imprisonment not exceeding fourteen years. One of the charges concerned a ten dollar banknote on the Netherlands Trading Society, one concerned a five dollar banknote on the Chartered Bank of India, and a third one related to a \$10 note on the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. There was also a fourth charge preferred against the defendant and that was for being in possession of an automatic pistol without having a licence.

From the Captain Superintendent of Police. Now these charges which had been preferred against him were so framed that it was not necessary for him to prove fraud on any intent to fraud, but he thought before the case went very much further other charges would be preferred against him in which they alleged fraud and he might also have a charge proved against him of being a cheat at common law, and possibly a charge of bribery would be brought against him. However the charges already before his Worship were sufficient to justify his Worship to hear the evidence he would bring before him that day, and, as his Worship knew, he had very ample powers of adding, or amending charges before the Court.

His Worship:—Is the Austrian Consul watching the case on behalf of the defendant?

Mr. Lewis:—I understand so, and I am prepared to wait if he can be got into touch with. I am not prepared to do anything that will cause this man to prejudice himself.

His Worship:—I can offer my notes to the counsel.

Mr. Lewis:—I don't know if the accused understands you?

His Worship:—He understood the charge last time; I do not know if he wants to have an interpreter.

The Consul then arrived and said he would have to see the defendant's passport.

His Worship:—Mr. King, have the police a passport?

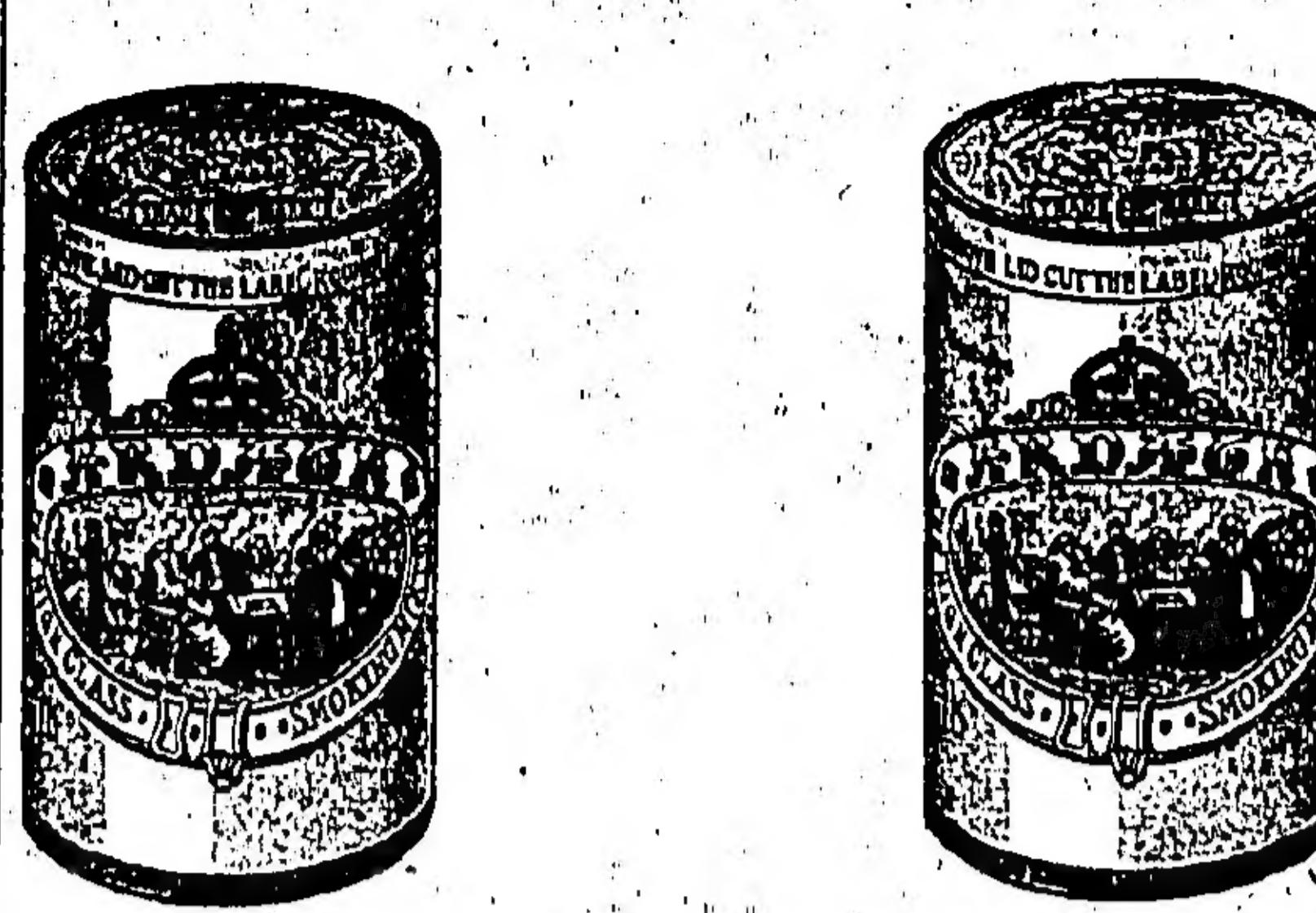
Mr. King (A.S.P.):—Yes, your Worship.

His Worship:—May I see it?

Mr. Lewis:—This man has apparently been going in three different names. He was known as Wagner, he was living at the Grand Hotel, Hongkong, in the name of Poll and on the passport it is a different name altogether; Auston Hauser which I understand is his proper name.

The Consul:—This is not a real passport, it is but an interim passport.

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This afternoon in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Kemp, an action was commenced in which a female Chinese hairdresser, named Chan Sz, of 28 Bridges St., sued the Man Po Loi firm of jewellers, carrying on business at Queen's Road Central, for the return of two gold, pearl, diamond and jade bangles, said to be detained by the defendants, or \$100, their value, and \$100 for such detention.

Mr. Dennis, of Messrs. Dennis and Bowley, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Moore, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, for the defence.

Mr. Dennis explained that plaintiff had two bangles and wished to dispose of them, she took them to the defendant's shop and left them there. Later she went to enquire if they had been sold and was informed there was a probable purchaser.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

## THE KNITTING MACHINE.

A Purchaser or Merely an Agent?

This morning in the Summary Court before the Justice Judge, Mr. Justice Kepp, Messrs. E. E. Smith and Co., merchants of 2 Peader St., sued S. H. Chan, 78 Praha East, to recover the sum of \$450, the price of goods sold and delivered.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. O. Faithfull, for the defence.

Mr. E. E. Smith of the plaintiff firm said that on August 31, 1912, the defendant brought a knitting machine from his firm for \$20. He promised to pay the plaintiff within a few days but at the request of the defendant the date of payment was extended to October 1. During September defendant purchased 20 lbs of combed yarn for use on the machine, and later in the same month the defendant bought another machine for \$187.50. The defendant did not pay for the goods, but after the writ was issued the defendant offered to pay \$100 on account.

Cross-examined by Mr. Faithfull witness said that he was formerly with Messrs. Arndt and Co. and he left that firm about a year ago last November. He denied that the defendant was an agent, and that the machines were left with him, to see if he could sell them and if not he was to return them. The machines were sold outright.

Mr. Faithfull said the defence was that the defendant was an agent pure and simple.

The defendant in the box said he entered into an arrangement to sell knitting machines for the plaintiff on a commission of ten per cent. He denied saying he would pay in a few days for the machine ordered on August 31. He certainly ordered a machine on that day, but it had not been paid for. He had not been able to sell the machine because prospective purchasers did not seem to care for it. The arrangement was that he should pay the plaintiff for the machine, when he in turn was paid.

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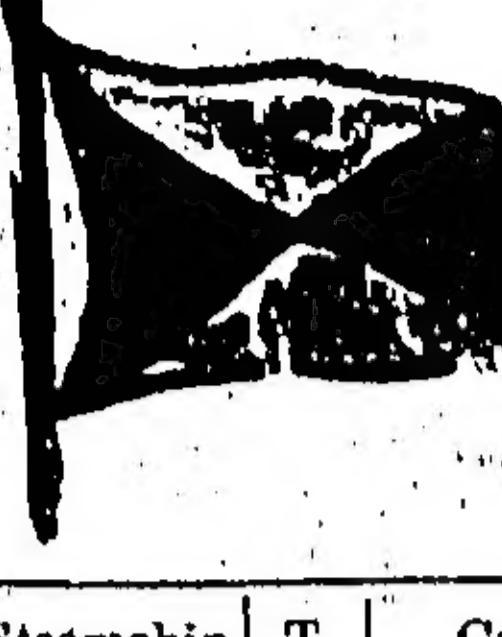
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 the 26th, inst., at noon, will be  
 landed at consignee's risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered Friday  
 May 2nd, 1913, at noon, will, in addition  
 to landing charge be subject to  
 storage charge.

No fire insurance whatever will be  
 effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged  
 cargo will be examined at the above  
 Company's godown Thursday May  
 1st, 1913, 4.10 a.m.

No claims will be entertained unless  
 accompanied by short delivery note  
 if list of exceptions taken at the time of  
 delivery to consignee and signed for and  
 on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before  
 May 26th 1913, otherwise they will  
 not be recognized.

FRED J. HALTON,

Agent.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1913. [381]

BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"WRAY CASTLE,"  
 From NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby  
 informed that all goods are  
 being landed at their risk into the  
 Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon  
 Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,  
 whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded  
 unless notice to the contrary be given  
 before.

No claims will be admitted after the  
 Goods have left the Godowns, and all  
 Goods remaining undelivered after the  
 6th May 1913 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer  
 must be presented to the Undersigned  
 on or before the 26th prox., or they will  
 not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged  
 Goods must be left in the Godowns  
 where they will be examined on the  
 5th prox. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
 Bills of Lading will be countersigned  
 by:

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1913. [388]

Grand Hotel,

Ahnberg, K. Lorria

Banleefort, C. Lowell, Mr. &

Benoichansen, P. Mrs.

Biro, L. Mrs. L. M.

Brown, I. C. Mayhood, J. R.

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Francois, Ch. Parr, V. C.

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Hall, J. W. Schomber, F.

Hause, C. E. A. Sidaire, F.

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## COMMERCIAL.

Gold in the Philippines.

Gold has been found on the banks of the Marquesa river, within fifteen miles of the city of Manila. The find was made by a Mr. West, who was employed by the Bureau of Public Works to drill wells in that locality. West reported that the black sand averaged P900.37 gold to the metric ton and this has been subsequently borne out by tests.

Rubber Imports into Germany.

The imports of crude and manufactured rubber into Germany in 1912 amounted to 20,586 tons, of the value of £8,739,000, as compared with 19,950 tons and £8,472,500 in the preceding year. According to the "Frankfurter Zeitung," the principal share of the import trade again applied to Brazil, which supplied 6,700 tons, as against 6,831 tons in 1911. As contrasted with this slight decrease, it is pointed out that the imports from British India were over twice the amount which obtained in 1911, in consequence of the large growth in the cultivation of plantation rubber, the figures being 2,127 tons, as against 998 tons in the previous year. The third position is occupied by the Cameroons, which furnished 2,043 as compared with 1,816 tons in 1911, whilst the quantity from German East Africa rose from 601 tons in 1911 to 850 tons last year. On the other hand, the German exports of rubber totalled 4,943 tons, as contrasted with 4,591 tons in 1911, and the major portion was shipped to the United States, Russia and Austria-Hungary following in the order mentioned.

## Siberian Coal.

The development of coal mining in Siberia is closely connected with the construction of the great Siberian Railway, which naturally created a demand for fuel. The first attempts were made in the Sudzhensky district of Western Siberia and afterwards in the so-called Tchernomovsky fields in the neighbourhood of Irkutsk. The coal deposits of these two regions are of very different kinds. The Sudzhensky coal is of good quality, whereas the Tchernomovsky coal is bituminous. Owing, however, to its geographical position the Tchernomovsky basin is the only source of supply east of Lake Baikal and west of Krasnoyarsk. The output of the Sudzhensky region is about 20,000,000 pounds (320,000 tons) per annum, while that of Tchernomovsky in 1905-1906 was from 50 to 60 million pounds (800,000 to 960,000 tons) per annum, and in recent years only about 25,000,000 pounds (400,000 tons). This is accounted for by coal being worked in Trans-Baikalia, which formerly took its supply from the Tchernomovsky region. The Trans-Baikal coal is similar to the Tchernomovsky. The coal regions of Trans-Baikalia are comparatively small, and the working is impeded by water, whereas in the Tchernomovsky basin no water enters the mines. This explains the cheapness of the Tchernomovsky coal. Besides the above-mentioned coalfields in Western Siberia mention should be made of the Kharaginsky mine of the Spassky Copper Company. Unfortunately, owing to absence of transport this mine only supplies the needs of its owners.—"Times."

## Public Companies

THE NORWICH UNION FIRE INSURANCE SOCIETY, LIMITED.  
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed Agents for the Marine business of the above Society are prepared to accept risks at current rates.

DAVID SASUON &amp; CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 23rd April 1913.

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UNION MARINE INSURANCE CO. OF LIVERPOOL.

THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine Risks at current rates.

THE BANK LINE LTD.

Agents

Hongkong, 28th April 1913.

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## Entertainments

THEATRE ROYAL  
TO-NIGHT  
AT 9 P.M.

The FIRST Performance of  
The Famous Edison  
TALKING Pictures.

The Kinetophone will be  
shown in Hongkong for a  
few days ONLY.

BOOKING AT  
ROBINSON'S.

DES VŒUX ROAD,

## BIJOU.

PROGRAMME. 9.15

Grand American Drama

THE ROSE OF KENTUCKY.

The Sense of Smell (Comic).

Looking for a Job

The Bobbie, &amp;c. (Comic).

The Bow-Bow

Inquisitive William

THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

(Scenic)

NEWS OF THE DAY

Miss VIOLET BONETTA

(Popular Soubrette)

Friday May 2nd

Complimentary Benefit

To Mr. R. H. STEPHENSON

(Special Programme.)

PICTURES ONLY 7.15

Public Companies

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George's Building, on SATURDAY, the 3rd May, 1913, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a statement of Accounts to 28th February, 1913, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of

the Company will be closed from

the 19th April to the 3rd May,

1913, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1913.

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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that

a Scrip Certificate with respect to 8 Shares numbered 4813/4820 in the above-named Company standing in the name of

Messrs. WING KEE &amp; Co. of

Hongkong, has been lost and

should the same not be produced before the 9th proximo, a new

Scrip Certificate will be issued to the said Messrs. WING KEE &amp; Co., and no transaction taking place under the old Scrip Certificate will be recognised by the Company.

ITALIAN CONVENT.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1913.

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LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR LI HUM FAN, a Chinese

graduate versed in literature,

has been a teacher to European officials

and merchants in this Colony for over

ten years.

He has a good method of training

Europeans to pass in the Chinese ex-

amination, and is possessed of a first

rate certificate as a Chinese teacher.

He also has a good knowledge of

Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chin-

ese language are requested to write to

"Hongkong Telegraph" office or

direct to 87 Hollywood Road, 1st floor.

H. Wagstaff, 28th April, 1913.

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MARTIN'S APIOL &amp; STEEL PILLS

A French Remedy for all Irritations.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## LAWN TENNIS.

Hongkong Championship Semi-Finals.

A large crowd gathered on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground last evening for the purpose of witnessing the playing off of the semi-final tie in the lawn tennis Championship Singles. Among the interested spectators were His Excellency the Governor, Major General Anderson, and Sir William and Lady Rees Davies.

Hancock v. Crawford.

Chief interest was centred in the match between H. Hancock and Capt. Crawford, which resulted in a win for the former by three sets to one and 22 games to 15, the scores being 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. The opening set was characterised by even play, which gave promise of a close struggle. The men took game about on their service until the seventh was reached, when Hancock lost on his. His opponent however, followed suit in the next. Hancock led at 5-4, and then a love game to the other man made a long set necessary. Play up to this stage had not been marked by any very long rallies, though at times some brilliant strokes were made by both men, often ending, however, in the net being found. The eleventh game was Hancock's and after deuce in the next, a rash volley by Crawford gave the set to his opponent.

A new aspect came over the contest in the next set, Crawford showing up strongly. Hancock lost his service through timorously volleying on the part of his opponent, and the next two games also went to the Army man, who was keeping a splendid length, his drives on to the base line giving Hancock considerable trouble. Crawford continued to play up very strongly and at the end of the sixth game was leading 5-1. Then Hancock steadied to his work, and by judicious placing got two games in succession. In the following game Crawford was fortunate in getting two balls to skim the net, and he eventually took the game, and with it the set.

The first three games in the next set were taken by Hancock, who, however, lost his service in the next, though he pulled the score up to deuce after "love 40" had been called. In the eighth game Hancock was down on his service without notching a point, and at the end of the eighth he led by 5-3. Then Crawford failed in his service, and, by hitting wildly out, lost the set. There was not a great deal of sustained play in this set.

Poor tennis was seen in the last set, mainly due to the rashness of Crawford, who was not showing a tithe of the form he had displayed in the early stages of the match. On the other hand, Hancock was surer in his placing than previously, and had no difficulty in outplaying his man. Hancock took the first two games, then Crawford snatched one, but this was all he could get, his opponent running off with the others quite easily.

On the run of play the better man certainly won, though early in the match it looked as though Crawford would give the winner a hard run for it. Both men have strong, effective backhand drives, and both put plenty of cut on the ball when circumstances permit. Crawford played the more forceful game of the two, but Hancock was far more careful, placed more effectively and won many a point through his opponent's recklessness.

Penman v. Josseland.

The other semi-final, between J. B. Penman and A. N. Josseland, was not finished. So far as the match went it was a ding-dong struggle, Josseland taking the first set at 6-2, Penman the second at 7-5. Josseland the next at 7-5, and Penman the fourth at 8-6. With the score two sets all, the light was failing fast, and though a start was made on the fifth set, play had to be abandoned when each man had a game to his credit.

"A" Class Singles.

In the "A" Class Singles, M. R. Harris (recs. 3/8) won his way into the final by beating W. N. Lowe (scr.) by 6-1, 0-6, 7-5.

Coming Tie.

This evening Major Bowen and Capt. Crawford meet H. F. C. Master and G. A. Hastings to decide who shall play R. Hancock v. Crawford.

cock and R. D. Stewart in the final of the Professional Pairs, while in the semi-final of the "A" Class Singles, Dr Aubrey (recs. 3/8) and A.C.E. Elbrough (recs. 1/8) meet, the winner having eventually to play M. R. Harris (recs. 3/8) in the final.

To-morrow evening C. O. Clarke (recs. 15) will play J. McPherson (recs. 15) in the final of the "B" Class Singles; and the same evening Capt. Crawford and Capt. James (ove 15) meet C. E. H. Beavis and R. D. Stewart (ove 2/6) in the semi-final of the Doubles Handicap, the winners having eventually to face Joseland and Penman (ove 15) in the final.

## BILLIARDS.

Soldiers' Club Tournament. Interest in the Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament has somewhat increased this week as the final is in progress. Former winners, in the Hongkong Volunteers, again take part in the ultimate match, their opponents, the R. E. "A" Team, coming into the final with somewhat of a reputation. Play was interesting last evening by the fact that the honours of the games were shared, the Volunteers winning one and the Engineers the other. The first game, that between Mr. Stamford and S. M. Morgan, resulted in a win for the former by the very comfortable margin of 83 points, the scores being 200-117. Mr. Stamford played a fairly consistent game and soon demonstrated his superiority over his opponent, who, however, by no means put up a bad show. Mr. Bishop, who played Q.M.S. Collings, had extremely hard luck in the first hundred, seeming to be unable to get into his stride, but, after passing the seventy mark, he put in a good work in and rapidly picked up points but not before Q.M.S. Collings had reached the full total. Both made some good breaks, the highest of Q.M.S. Collings being 26, and that of Mr. Bishop 20. The game finished 200-153 in the former's favour.

With the Volunteers leading by thirty-six points on the two games, the results are as follow:—

"A" Team. R.E.	
S. M. Morgan	117
Q.M.S. Collings	200
317	
H. K. Volunteers.	
Mr. Stamford	200
Mr. Bishop	153
353	

## FOOTBALL.

United Services Football League. A meeting of the management committee of the United Services Football League, was held at the Soldiers' Club last night, under the presidency of Lieut. R. H. Parkinson, D.C.L.I.

The question of the H. M. S. Kent not fulfilling their fixtures was discussed as it affected the award of medals for the runners-up. Three teams were in the running—the 83rd and 88th Co.'s R.G.A. and the Right Half D.C.L.I. It was decided that the teams concerned should play off, and the 88th Co. R.G.A. was drawn against the 83rd R.G.A., the tie to be played at the Happy Valley this evening. The winning team to meet the Right Half D.C.L.I. to-morrow at 5 p.m.

## LEAVE TO APPEAL.

The Unregistered Club Case.

The Chinese who was charged yesterday with being the keeper of an unregistered club, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court, after we had gone to press yesterday.

Mr. F. X. D'Almoda defended and asked for leave to appeal. Leave was granted.

## Produce of Tea Duties.

In the House of Commons on April 2, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a printed reply to question by Mr. W. Clough (Lib, Skipton) stated that the receipts from the tea duty in 1904-5 were, at 6d. per lb., £306,078; at 8d. per lb., £2,385,787, and 10/-12, at 5d. per lb., £6,159,070. If these amounts were divided by the number of pence in the duty, the average produce of a penny worked out at £1,047,000 in 1904-5, and £1,232,000 in 1911-12.

## POST OFFICE.

## MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London April 9 April 10

Des Shanghai April 26 April 28

Arrived Persia, Aust. s.s. 3,774, Olmnes 28th April—Singapore

22nd April, Gen.—S. W. & Co.

Wray Castle, Br. s.s. 2,717, Howe, 28th April—New York

21st April, Gen.—D. & Co.

Dupleix, Fr. cruiser, 7,700, 28th April—Tourane, 25th April.

Haimun, Br. s.s. 641, Evans, 29th April—Swatow, 28th April.

April, Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Tjimonoek, Dutch s.s. 3,520, 29th April—Jumason, 27th April.

Nore, Br. s.s. 4,188, Asbury, 29th April—Yokohama via

Anping—Per Soshu-

maru, 30th April, 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 30th April, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Mexicocaru, 30th April, 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 30th April, 11.5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe (Europe via Siberia)—Per Prinz Ludwig, 30th April, 5 p.m.

Fort Bayard, Haiphong, and Pakhoi—Per Hongkong, 1st May, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Thongwa, 1st May, 11 a.m.

Philippines Islands, Timor, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin—Per Eastern, 1st May, 11 a.m.

Swatow and Shanghai—Per Hangsang, 1st May, 1 p.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per Laihsang, 1st May 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 1st May, 11.5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 1st May, 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiching, 2nd May, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Weihaiwei and Tientsin—Per Huichow 2nd May, 11 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon and India via Bombay—Per China, 3rd May, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 3rd May, 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 3rd May, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kwongsang, 3rd May, 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 4th May, 9 a.m.

Japan via Yatshing—Per Yatshing, 5th May, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 6th May, 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaid, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marsilles (Late Letters 11 to Noon, Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)—Per Amazone, 6th May, 11 a.m.

Philipine Islands—Per Rubi, 7th May, 3 p.m.

Philipine Islands—Per Taming, 6th May, 3 p.m.

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